

## **Jesus Saves!**

*Leader:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

*Leader:* Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

All: **And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

*Leader:* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created

All. **And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

All: **O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

### Insights from the Catechism

Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names would be futile...Only the light of divine Revelation clarifies the reality of sin and particularly of the sin committed at mankind's origins. Without the knowledge Revelation gives of God we cannot recognize sin clearly and are tempted to explain it as merely a developmental flaw, a psychological weakness, a mistake, or the necessary consequence of an inadequate social structure, etc. Only in the knowledge of God's plan for man can we grasp that sin is an abuse of the freedom of God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and loving one another (386-387)

The doctrine of original sin, closely connected with that of redemption by Christ, provides lucid discernment of man's situation and activity in the world. By our first parent's sin, the devil has acquired a certain domination over man, even though man remains free. Original sin entails "captivity under the power of him who thenceforth had the power of death, that is, the devil." Ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil gives rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social actions and morals. (407)

Jesus means in Hebrew: "God saves". At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, "will save his people from their sins." In Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of humankind. (430)

Questions to reflect on in small groups: (There are no wrong answers)

1. What comes to mind when you hear the name of Jesus?
2. What did you hear from Fr. Frank tonight that surprised you or stood out to you?
3. Was there a time you can think of when Jesus answered a prayer?

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**  
Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.**  
Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**  
Father all powerful, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, **save us.**  
Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless Life of both, **sanctify us.**  
Holy Trinity, **hear us.**  
Holy Spirit, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, **enter our hearts.**  
Holy Spirit, Who are equal to the Father and the Son, **enter our hearts.**  
Promise of God the Father, **have mercy on us.**  
Ray of heavenly light, **have mercy on us.**  
Author of all good, **have mercy on us.**  
Source of heavenly water, **have mercy on us.**  
Consuming Fire, **have mercy on us.**  
Ardent Charity, **have mercy on us.**  
Spiritual Unction, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of love and truth, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of wisdom and understanding, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of counsel and fortitude, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of knowledge and piety, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of the fear of the Lord, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of grace and prayer, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of peace and meekness, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of modesty and innocence, **have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, the Comforter, **have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, **have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, Who governs the Church, **have mercy on us.**  
Gift of God the Most High, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit Who fills the universe, **have mercy on us.**  
Spirit of the adoption of the children of God, **have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, **send us your Holy Spirit.**

Let us pray. **Grant, O merciful Father, that the Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**